(c) whether Government have given approval to set up hazardous units in Kutch regioin of Gujarat under Coastal Regulatory Zone. 1991; and

(d) if so, the number and the details of such units approved to be set up so far?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No. Sir.

(c) and (d) Six projects in Gujarat relating to storage, handling and transfer of petroleum products have been accorded environmental clearence under the provisions of the amended Coastal Regulation Zone Notification.

Lake Cleaning at Hill Stations

4339. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: ,

(a) whether Government 'have decided to clean up the lakes at Ooty and Kodaikanal hill stations in Tamil Nadu, Powai in Maharashtra and Nainital in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for this work; and

(c) by when the work on this project is likely to commence and be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU): (a) to (c) Government have approved the projects for conservation of Ooty and Kodaikanal lakes in Tamil Nadu and Powai in Maharashtra at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.90 crore. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 4 crore has been released for Powai and Rs. 1 crore for Ooty lakes. The projects of Powai and Ooty lakes will take 18 months for completion whereas the project of Kodaikanal Lake will take three years. Proposal for conservation of Nainital Lake has not been approved.

Withholding the funds by World Wildlife Fund International

4340. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that World Wildlife Fund International for Tiger Conservation Programme in India, has withheld and frozen all its Tiger Conservation related funds to India;

(b) if so, the reasons for holding back funds; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to get the funds relaesed at the earliest ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU): (a) to (c). World Wildlife Fund (WWF)—International does not provide any assistance for Tiger. conversation either to Union or State Governments in India. WWF—International was supporting the tiger conversation programme run by WWF—India under which financial Assistance was provided to State Govt. for supplementing national tiger conversation efforts. WWF—International made to request to Government of India that they would like to have a Regional Office at New Delhi to support Tiger Conservation efforts in India and neighbouring countries. The Ministry of Environment and Forests being satisfied with the profile of the then Director, Tiger Conservation programme and WWF—International Issued a no objection certificate to this project. The no objection certificate had to be withdrawn later on account of some inaccuracies about geographical boundaries of India on several publications made by WWF—International and allied institutions. These inaccuracies were brought to the notice of the Ministry of Environment and Forests by the then Secretary General, WWF—India. The WWF—International was upset by these steps. There has been a definite decline in the activities of WWF India—Tiger Conversation Programme after October, 1999. Involvement of the representatives of Government of India in programme formulation has also ceased after October, 1999.

U.P. Forestry Project in Uttaranchal

†4341. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1425, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 2001, and state;

(a) the details of the amount being spent in Uttaranchal under the World Bank assisted U.P. Forestry Project, item-wise and year-wise; and

(b) its impact on the forests as well as on society in Uttaranchal?

THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU): (a) Item-wise and year-wise details of the amount agreed to for Uttaranchal after the bifurcation of World Bank assisted U.P. Forestry Project is under:

†Original notice of the question was received [illegible]